



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

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Director

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The Honorable Gary Peters
724 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: S. 412 (Peters): State and Local Cyber Protection Act of 2017- **Support**

Dear Senator Peters:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support S. 412, which would direct the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to extend services offered by the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center (NCCIC) to state and local governments upon request. Counties across the Nation have varied resources and face different challenges, it is vital every local government has access to experts that can share up-to-date techniques in preventing, mitigating and responding to cyber-attacks.

It is important state and local governments have adequate resources to ensure protection of their residents' private and sensitive information. NCCIC is an around-the-clock cyber situational awareness, incident response and management center that is a national nexus of cyber and communication integration for the federal government, intelligence community and law enforcement. NCCIC's mission is to reduce the likelihood and severity of incidents that may significantly compromise the security and resilience of the nation's critical information technology and communications networks.

NCCIC would be an asset in helping counties identify information system vulnerabilities; identify information security protections; learn best practices related to information security; and gain access to technical cybersecurity training. In San Bernardino having access to these resources would be vital to advance our infrastructure to prevent cyber-attacks within our county.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support S. 412. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lovingood".

Robert Lovingood
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